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SUBJECT: TOURISM IN SOVIET UNION

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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. WRITING IN PRAVDA (AUG 9),  
V. BOYCHENKO, FIRST DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE MAIN ADMINISTRATION  
FOR FOREIGN TOURISM, STATES THAT APPROXIMATELY FOUR MILLION  
FOREIGN TOURISTS FROM 155 COUNTRIES VISITED THE USSR AND  
OVER 2.6 MILLION SOVIETS VISITED 134 COUNTRIES IN 1976.  
HE PREDICTS THAT DURING 1976-80 PERIOD 25 MILLION  
FOREIGNERS WILL VISIT THE USSR AND 18 MILLION SOVIETS WILL  
TRAVEL ABROAD, COMPARED WITH 15 MILLION AND 11 MILLION  
RESPECTIVELY IN PERIOD 1971-75. ARTICLE CONTAINS NO  
BREADKOWN OF FOREIGN TOURISTS BY AREA OR COUNTRY OF  
ORIGIN.

2. ACCORDING TO BOYCHENKO, BY 1980 SOVIET HOTEL CAPACITY  
FOR FOREIGN TOURISTS WILL HAVE INCREASED ONE AND ONE-HALF  
TIMES (PRESUMABLY OVER 1975).

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3. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. COMMENT: IF, AS REPORTED  
REFTEL, SOVIETS IN 1975 WERE PLANNING TO DOUBLE NUMBER OF  
TOURISTS EACH WAY EVERY FIVE YEARS FIGURES CITED ABOVE MAY  
INDICATE THAT GOALS FOR TENTH FIVE-YEAR PLAN HAVE BEEN  
LOWERED. TWO-YEAR RATE OF GROWTH (1976 OVER 1974) WAS  
ONLY 16 PERCENT, A RATE MUCH TOO LOW TO ACCOMPLISH ORIGINAL  
GOAL. OF COURSE, MUCH DEPENDS ON HOW MANY TOURISTS VISIT

THE USSR IN 1980, THE YEAR OF THE OLYMPICS, BUT THIS IN  
TURN WILL DEPEND IN PART ON WHETHER NEW HOTEL SPACE WILL  
BE COMPLETED ON SCHEDULE. IN ANY CASE, THE PRESENT  
PLAN APPARENTLY CALLS FOR ONLY 65 PERCENT INCREASE IN  
NUMBER OF TOURISTS BOTH WAYS OVER PRECEDING FIVE-YEAR PLAN.  
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